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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Docket 2018-319-E  
**Attachments:** Letter\_of\_Protest\_Duke Energy Rate Increase.pdf

Dear Mr. Jarret Norman,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116872>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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\* Required Fields Letter of Protest Date: \* 3-10-19 in Docket 2018 -319-E

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Customer

Increasing the base charge by approximately 250% is excessive and disproportionately burdensome on low-income and low-energy consumption customers. This fee structure also discourages reducing energy consumption and energy alternatives. For energy alternative customers such as those with solar panel systems, the proposed exorbitant base charge increase would partially undermine their investment, and is a strategy by Duke Energy to reclaim money associated with its commitment to the net metering program. The base charge increase percentage should be similar to the rate increase percentage.

Proposed rate increase percentages are over 50% higher for residential than commercial, and almost 40% higher for residential than industrial. This also places the burden on those who can least afford it. The percentage rate increase should be either equal across all customer classes or lowest for residential.